

## Task Force on Tax and Fiscal Policy Draft Task Force Minutes

2016 Spring Task Force Summit | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
Friday, May 6, 2016  
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

New Hampshire Representative Ken Weyler – Public Sector Chair  
Amanda Klump, Altria Client Services – Private Sector Chair  
Jonathan Williams – ALEC Vice President, Tax and Fiscal Policy

### Welcome and Introductions

Task Force Public Sector Chairman New Hampshire Representative Ken Weyler welcomed members and called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the Spring Task Force Summit were presented and approved.

### Speakers and Discussion

Jason Mercier of the Washington Policy Center presented the report from the Fiscal Policy Reform Working Group.

Maryland Senator Gail Bates gave a report from the Public Pension Reform Working Group.

Pennsylvania Representative Seth Grove and South Dakota Senator Jenna Haggar participated in the *Legislative Leaders Panel: Lessons Learned from Budget Showdowns in 2016*.

Heritage Foundation Senior Policy Fellow Stephen Moore and Jonathan Williams, Vice President of the ALEC Center for State Fiscal Reform presented on the 2016 *Rich States, Poor States ALEC-Laffer State Economic Competitiveness Rankings*.

Professor Erick Elder from the Mercatus Center at George Mason University discussed *Best Practices for State Rainy Funds*.

Mattie Duppler from the office of Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA-05) presented on the *Taxpayers' \$310 Billion Unauthorized Appropriations Problem*.

Brandon VerVelde from the Asian American Hotel Owners Association discussed *Discriminatory Taxes on Hotel Customers*.

Scott Drenkard from the Tax Foundation and Paul Bachman from the Beacon Hill Institute provided a *Non-Partisan Analysis of All Presidential Candidates' Tax Plans*.

Rob Natelson of Independence Institute discussed his new book, Colorado's Taxpayer Bill of Rights, *The Gold Standard of Taxpayer Protection and Spending Control*.

Joe Crosby from MultiState Associates discussed *Personal Property Taxes in the States*.

Steve DelBianco of NetChoice presented on *Internet Sales Tax Collection Update from Washington, DC and the States*.

Bob Williams of State Budget Solutions gave a presentation on *What Can States Learn from the Puerto Rico Financial Crisis*.

#### **Model Policy Discussion**

Public and private sector Task Force members voted unanimously to pass the Resolution in Support of Non-Discriminatory Property Tax Policies.

Public and private sector Task Force members voted unanimously to pass the Resolution in Support of Ending Unauthorized Federal Spending.

Public and private sector Task Force members voted unanimously to retain the State Council on Competitive Government Act.

#### **New Business**

Lew Uhler from the National Taxation Limitation Committee gave an update on Balanced Budget Amendment efforts in the states.

#### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the Task Force meeting was unanimously approved by both public and private sector members.